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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OTRA, OGEN, TBIO, JA

SUBJECT: FDA ENGINEERS' VISIT TO JAPAN: CONTROL OF RADIATION  
FROM MICROWAVE OVENS

REF: (A) BRITAIN'S LETTER TO OKAMOTO, 8/14/74;

(B) TOKYO 4109, 3/28/74 (C) TOKYO 3923, 3/26/74

DEPT PASS TO DHEW FOR ROBERT G. BRITAIN, DIRECTOR,  
DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, BUREAU OF RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH,  
FDA, PHS

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES ADVANCE NOTICE OF INTENDED VISIT  
IN OCTOBER TO JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS OF MICROWAVE  
OVENS TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH RADIATION CONTROL  
FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT OF 1968.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS CLARIFICATION AS TO INTENTIONS OF  
FDA: DOES FDA PLAN TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH  
MANUFACTURERS DIRECTLY, THROUGH DR. OKAMOTO, OR  
THROUGH EMBASSY? IN ANY CASE, EMBASSY CONSIDERS  
CONSULTATION WITH FONOFF BEFORE APPOINTMENTS ARE  
MADE AS ESSENTIAL, AND ALSO RECOMMENDS TEAM VISIT  
OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE,  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, MINISTRY OF  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY AS IN PREVIOUS  
INSTANCE.

3. IN ADDITION, FONOFF CLEARNACE FOR VISIT MUST BE  
OBTAINED, AS IT WAS FOR APRIL VISIT (REFTELS B. AND  
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C.) FOR EMBASSY APPROACH TO FONOFF, PLEASE

SEND: A) NAMES OF ENGINEERS WHO WOULD COME,  
B) NAMES OF MANUFACTURERS THEY WOULD VISIT,  
C) HOW LONG TRIP WOULD LAST, AND D) TEXT OF  
STANDARDS WITH WHICH COMLIANCE SOUGHT.

4. EMBOFFS EAGER TO ASSIST VISITS. IF ABOVE  
INFORMATION REACHES EMBASSY WITH A MONTH'S  
LEEWAY BEFORE VISIT, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO  
PROBLEMS.  
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